

SENATE BILL 817

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF HB 907

By: **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance – Study on System Reforms**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the
4 Department of Legislative Services, to study and make recommendations regarding
5 reforms to the unemployment insurance system in the State; specifying the scope of
6 the study; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to report, at a certain
7 interval, to the Department of Legislative Services and the co–chairs of the Joint
8 Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight and to consult with certain other
9 agencies and stakeholders for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Department
10 of Labor to submit an interim and a final report to certain committees of the General
11 Assembly on or before certain dates; making this Act an emergency measure; and
12 generally relating to unemployment insurance.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That:

15 (a) (1) The Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the
16 Department of Legislative Services, shall study and make recommendations regarding
17 reforms to the unemployment insurance system in the State.

18 (2) The Maryland Department of Labor shall study:

19 (i) expanded eligibility for unemployment benefits for various types
20 of workers, including self–employed individuals;

21 (ii) the costs and benefits of increasing:

22 1. the maximum weekly benefit amount, including costs and
23 benefits of indexing the weekly benefit amount to account for inflationary change;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



